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DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECDEF, EUCOM, DIRNSA

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SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH TURKS ON MARCH 26, WE AGREED O  
RESUMPTION ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISCUSSIONS IN TGS-JUSMMAT  
CHANNEL. TURKS CONCURRED IN OUR PROPOSAL MAINTAIN PARALLEL  
MFA-EMBASSY CONTACTS ON SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 26, MSA COUNSELOR CALLED ON YAVUZALP (DIRGEN  
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, MFA) TO RESPOND TO YAVUZALP'S  
PROPOSAL MOVE VENUE OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISCUSSIONS TO  
TGS-JUSMMAT.

2. WE EXPLAINED TO YAVUZALP THAT WE HAD DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE  
TO ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL, BUT BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, WISHED  
ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION. IN OUR VIEW, IF SOLE RESULT OF PROPOSED  
MILITARY-LEVEL TALKS WOULD BE TO DISCLOSE UNBRIDGEABLE GAP  
BETWEEN TGS REQUIRMENTS (WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD WERE PRESENTLY  
ESITMATED AT ABOUT \$50 MILLION) AND AMOUNT WE WERE ABLE TO  
PROVIDE, THIS WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. WE ASKED WHAT  
POSSIBLE OUTCOMES HE SAW. YAVUZALP REPLIED THAT OBJECT OF  
EXERCISE WOULD BE FOR JUSMMAT TO PERSUADE TGS THAT U.S.

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OFFER CONSTITUTED SATISFACTION OF 1962 MOU COMMITMENTS. WE

THEN POINTED OUT, REFERRING TO 1962 MOU AND 1963 PROTOCOL THERETO, THAT ONLY LATTER DOCUMENT, WHICH DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH COMPOSITE EW-SIGINT COMPANY FOR SECOND ARMY, USED PHRASE, "OUTSIDE NORMAL MAP BUDGET." 1962 DOCUMENT, ON OTHER HAND, DID NOT SPECIFY SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR EW CAPABILITIES U.S. WAS TO PROVIDE. SURVEY OF SECOND ARMY EW NEEDS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN 1971 AND HAD RESULTED IN INVENTORY WHICH BORE PRICE TAG WITHIN SAME RANGE AS CURRENT U.S. OFFER. IF IT COULD BE AGREED THAT "OUTSIDE NORMAL MAP" COMMITMENT APPLIED ONLY TO SECOND ARMY COMPANY, PROBLEM APPEARED SOLUBLE. WE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR SPEED, GIVEN FISCAL YEAR PROBLEM.

3. YAVUZALP BRIDLED AT OUR SUGGESTION THAT PROBLEM BE NARROWED DOWN TO SECOND ARMY, INSISTING THAT U.S. COMMITMENT TO "OUTSIDE-MAP" FUNDING APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD. HE WAS SURE THAT IF U.S. MILITARY PARTICIPANTS IN NEW DISCUSSION TOOK LINE WE HAD SUGGESTED, THEY WOULD RUN INTO STONE WALL. TURKEY WAS BEING ASKED TO AGREE TO MODIFICATION OF 1962 MOU, AND COULD DO SO ONLY IF PROPER FORM WAS OBSERVED; THAT IS, IF U.S. RECOGNIZED COMMITMENT AND GAVE TURKS OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHEN IT HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY FULFILLED. YAVUZALP HINTED A LITTLE LESS MILDLY THAN BEFORE THAT IF PROPER DRILL WERE GONE THROUGH, TGS MIGHT BE REASONABLE.

4. WE THEN PROPOSED THAT MINISTRY AND EMBASSY CONTINUE CONTACT ON SUBJECT, EVEN AFTER MILITARY-LEVEL TALKS BEGAN, GIVEN IMPORTANCE MATTER HAD ASSUMED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. YAVUZALP AGREED TO THIS, SAYING HE PREFERRED TO DESCRIBE EMBASSY-MINISTRY CONTACTS IN QUESTION AS "INFORMAL". HE SAID HE WANTED TO STAY INVOLVED IN MATTER BECAUSE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED THERETO. TO HIM, MATTER WAS "TEST OF HOW OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD DEAL WITH EACH OTHER ON AN ISSUE ARISING FROM DIFFERENCE OVER A SIGNED AGREEMENT." HE ALSO FELT THAT ELECTRONIC WARFARE ISSUE, IF NOT SETTLED TO TGS SATISFACTION, WOULD CAUSE ADVERSE REVERBERATIONS IN TERMS OF TGS'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CARRYING OUT OTHER MILITARY AGREEMENTS CONTAINING TURKISH COMMITMENTS TO U.S.

5. MEETING ENDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT MILITARY TALKS SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YAVUZALP SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHICH HAD ASKED, THAT "EW TALKS HAD  
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NOT BROKEN DOWN". LATER IN DAY, YAVUZALP ADVISED US THAT TGS J-6, LT. GEN. MUSA OGUN, WOULD LEAD TALKS ON TURKISH SIDE. CHIEF JUSMMAT, MAG. GEN. GALLOWAY WILL BE MISSION'S MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND WILL BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH GEN. OGUN THIS WEEK TO SET UP MEETING.  
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